In the Abstract:

Please substitute the following Abstract for the Abstract currently of record:

A liquid crystal display apparatus including pair of substrates; a liquid crystal arranged between the pair of substrates; a plurality of stripe electrodes per pixel and an alignment layer formed in one of the substrates; a transparent electrode covering substantially the whole surface of the other substrate and an alignment layer formed in the other substrate; and an insulating layer arranged in one substrate to cover the stripe electrodes. The insulating layer preferably has openings above the stripe electrodes and the openings preferably have tapered side walls.